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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2007.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,6-20,22-26,31-45 and 47-50 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,6-20,22-26,31-45 and 47-50 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 15 August 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The indicated allowability of claims 1, 6-20, 22-26, 31-45 and 47-50 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Applicants' admitted prior art. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the discussion at page 19, line 14-26 appear do not correspond to the disclosure of Fig. 4a, for example, line 19, "the minimum" seems to read "the maximum", line 21, "the leftmost" seems to read "the rightmost", line 23, "the rightmost" seems to read "the leftmost", and line 24, "the maximum" seems to read "the minimum"; at page 20, line 19, "to defining" should be "to define". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 26, 31-45 and 47-50 are objected to because of the following informalities: in claim 26, line 5, "the word "values" should be "value", wherein the dependent claims 31-45 and 47-50 are either directly or indirectly depended upon the independent claim 26. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 1, 6-20, 22-26, 31-45 and 47-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Claims 1, 6-20, 22-26, 31-45 and 47-50 contain the subject matter of a method and apparatus for defining one or more communication channels in an Ultra Wideband system, wherein at least one code element value being associated with at least one non-temporal characteristic to define one or more communication channels, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

According to the present invention shown in the waveforms of Figs. 1-7 and discussed in the specification, the non-temporal pulse characteristics are specified using a code comprising a number of elements. Each code element indicates one or more non-temporal characteristics of a pulse via mapping the code element value to one or more layouts of non-temporal characteristic values. The present invention permits the establishment of allowable versus non-allowable regions within a layer.

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 19 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In line 3 of both claims 19 and 44, the term "the minimum value and maximum value" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

9. Claims 1, 6-20, 22-26, 31-45 and 47-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art described in the instant application (hereinafter "APA").

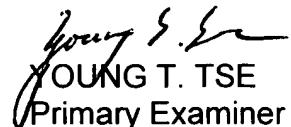
The APA described from page 2, line 6 to page 6, line 2 of the related art includes either the well known or inherent subject matter of the present invention as recited in claims 1, 6-20, 22-26, 31-45, and 47-50. The instant application also mentioned at page 6, lines 4-10 that prior art time-hopping pulse transmission systems typically transmit pulses having the same non-temporal characteristics (e.g., pulse amplitude) while varying the precise timing of the pulses per a time-hopping code. To improve channelization and spectral response properties of pulse transmission systems

and to enable support for multiple applications it is desirable that such systems be capable of transmitting pulses having different non-temporal characteristics (emphasis added). To accommodate such capabilities the present invention provides methods for specifying non-temporal pulse characteristics.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YOUNG T. TSE whose telephone number is (571) 272-3051. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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